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Secretary
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RE: MM Docket No. 00-158

RM-9921

Greetings:

On behalf of the Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. (ANSB), the petitioner in the above-referenced proceeding, enclosed are an original and four copies of ANSB's comments on this Petition for Rule Making for the allotment of a new non-commercial FM channel to Alamo, New Mexico.

I am a technical consultant for ANSB. Should there be any questions about the technical aspects of this Petition, I will be pleased to provide any necessary information.

Sincerely,

Don Davis

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In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	
Table of Allotments)	MM Docket 00-158
FM Broadcast Stations)	RM-9921
(Alamo Community, New Mexico))	

To: Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Policy and Rules Division

COMMENTS FROM PETITIONER

The Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. (ANSB), your petitioner in the above-styled proceeding, hereby submits its comments regarding the proposed allotment of FM Channel 298A as a non-commercial allotment to Alamo Community, New Mexico.

- 1. Your petitioner continues to wish to provide a first full-time non-commercial FM broadcast service to the Alamo community. If the Commission allots the channel to Alamo, ANSB will, at the earliest opportunity afforded by the Commission, file an application for the use of the channel, and if such application is granted, shall promptly construct the station and initiate non-commercial radio service to Alamo.
- 2. The coordinates provided in the Petition for Rule Making by ANSB are the coordinates of its non-commercial AM station, KABR. KABR is located at the Alamo Navajo School, which is the center of activities at Alamo, including the tribal government and medical facility. A coverage map is attached as Exhibit A which demonstrates that the allotment as proposed, if constructed at a moderate power level of 1,000 watts ERP, will cover the entire Alamo Community with a signal strength in excess of 70 dbu.
- 3. A non-commercial allotment is requested for use at Alamo by ANSB. ANSB provides educational services to the entire population of the Alamo Navajo Indian Reservation. ANSB's AM station, KABR, while limited to daytime-only operation, serves as the only daily information source for the population of the Alamo Reservation, in the Alamo native language as well as English. There is essentially no commercial activity on the reservation with which to support a commercial station. However, ANSB is financially and technically prepared to offer full-time non-commercial radio service to the Alamo Community and the Alamo Reservation immediately. Therefore, the allotment of the non-commercial channel is requested.

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4. The Commission requests a showing that a reserved band channel is unavailable at Alamo. Please see Exhibit B for an allotment study of the reserved band at the site specified in the Petition, demonstrating that no such channel is available.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner reiterates that a new non-commercial FM station, being the first full-time radio service and the only full-time native language radio service to the unique and remote Alamo band of Native Americans, would be of great benefit to the people of Alamo, New Mexico. Further, it is submitted that the non-commercial allotment of FM Channel 298A to Alamo would be an efficient utilization of the channel and would be in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

The Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc.

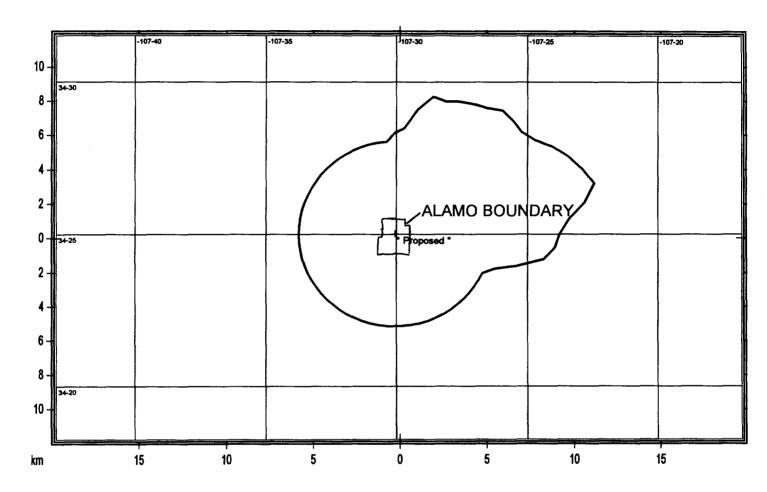
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The Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. P.O. Box 907 Magdalena, New Mexico 87825	
(505)854-2543 ext 1301	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	<i></i> day

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My commission expires: Warch

EXHIBIT A - ALAMO, NM PROPOSED 70 DBU COVERAGE CONTOUR



1,000 WATTS ERP, 50 M. AGL 34-25-01, 107-30-04

State Borders Lat/Lon Grid

EXHIBIT B

RESERVED BAND ALLOTMENT STUDY ALAMO, NEW MEXICO FM CHANNELS 201-220

CHANNEL	BLOCKED BY	CHANNEL	CITY
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